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equipment. It may or may not have the qualities of permanence. In any event, while it is upon its present basis, it is freely open to such students and investigators as might wish to work in its vicinity.

CONWAY MACMILLAN.

TO THE EDITOR OF SCIENCE: I have been asked by Dr. A. G. Meyer to express an opinion regarding the establishment of a marine biological laboratory in the tropical Atlantic. As I have never been south of Bermuda, in these waters, I do not know that my ideas on the subject will be of much value. I see by the letters already published that the Tortugas are very generally favored. While for a botanist who is a student of marine algae only, such a location might be an excellent one, it would hardly be suitable for one who wanted to study any other aspect of botany, for if I am not mistaken the land flora there is exceedingly scanty. A laboratory to be much sought after by botanists must also afford opportunities for the study of land plants, and where tropical vegetation is desired one must go further south than the Tortugas, and in a region where there is more moisture, to find much that is worth while.

HERBERT M. RICHARDS.

BARNARD COLLEGE, NEW YORK,
June 16, 1903.

THE MEDICAL RESEARCH LABORATORY OF COLORADO
COLLEGE.

TO THE EDITOR OF SCIENCE: It is proposed on the part of Colorado College to establish a pathological and research laboratory. For this purpose a room 23 by 14 feet has been set aside in the new Science Hall, now under erection. This room is to be equipped with chemical hood, water, gas and storage battery facilities. There are two windows in the room having a south exposure. In this laboratory it is planned that the following lines of work be undertaken: (1) Blood examinations, (2) sputum examinations, (3) urine examinations, (4) drinking-water examinations, (5) milk examinations, (6) pathological examinations, (7) stomach contents, (8) feces, (9) X-ray work as an aid to diagnosis, (10) papers and fabrics for mineral poisons.

In addition to these lines of general work special cases, requiring expert knowledge and care, will be undertaken. It is also planned that the director of the laboratory pursue lines of original research such as may be suggested by himself or by members of the committee under which the laboratory is to be conducted. It is hoped that this will grow to be the most important feature of the whole undertaking. Finally the laboratory will offer a limited amount of instruction in the pre-medical course of Colorado College. The amount and character of this instruction will be determined by consultation with the president of the college.

The salary of the director will be \$1,500 for the first year. It is hoped that thereafter the income of the laboratory will prove sufficient to warrant an increase. It is the desire of the committee to receive applications for the position of director of the laboratory, the appointment being made for one year. The applicant should be a man of scientific spirit and one who is desirous of making his reputation along lines of medical research. It is not essential that he be a graduate of a medical college, but rather that he have had training and experience in some of the best laboratories of this country or Europe. He should not be a person expecting later to enter the practice of medicine.

Applications with full information and testimonials may be sent to

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ABBREVIATIONS OF NEW MEXICO.

MAY I suggest that the name New Mexico should always be abbreviated (if at all) to New Mex. or N. M., never to N. Mex. or N. Mexico? The latter abbreviations have been used a great deal by naturalists, with the result of producing much confusion between New Mexico and North Mexico. Foreigners, especially, are almost sure to take N. Mexico for North Mexico; and I am afraid a good many people, not all foreigners, do not know that there is any difference! (I received the other day a letter from an important scientific